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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

MESOPOTAMIA.

ANXIETY FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN ALLAYED.

LONDON, October 18.
A War Office communique states that all the families in Mesopotamia
except hospital cases, are now below Kut el Amara. They are either
on route overseas or have already sailed for India. This notification allays
considerable uneasiness which has hitherto been felt.

NEWS OF AMUNDSEN.

TRAPPED IN ICE PACK OFF CAPE SERGE.

DELAYED FOR A YEAR.

NEW YORK, October.

The New York Tribune publishes a message from Seattle reporting the
arrival of the schooner "Kamchatka." The Captain declared that Amundsen
cabled on August 7 that he was trapped in an ice pack at Cape Serge.
He expressed the opinion that he would probably be delayed a year unless
in the meantime the ship was extricated. Amundsen was accompanied by
three men and one woman. The last named was an Eskimo seamstress.

RIOT IN DOWNING STREET.

CROWD ATTEMPTS TO RUSH THE POLICE.

EXCITING SCENES.

RED FLAG DEMONSTRATION AGAINST UNEMPLOYMENT.

LONDON, October 18.

The march of thousands of unemployed persons from the Embankment
to Westminster led to exciting scenes in Downing Street, where a
deputation of fifteen London mayors was interviewing Mr. Lloyd George
with regard to unemployment. A crowd of demonstrators carrying red
flags repeatedly tried to rush the police guarding No. 10. Downing
Street and three stones at the police. Reinforcements, including mounted
police, were called out and charged and dispersed the crowd. A number of
the police and demonstrators were injured.

THE GOVERNMENT'S PLANS.

LONDON, October 18.

While the ruffianly element forming a part of the otherwise orderly
demonstration of unemployed persons in Downing Street was indulging in
disorderliness, Mr. Lloyd George listened attentively to representations of
the mayoral deputation.

In the course of his reply, the Premier said that the Government had
appointed a strong Cabinet committee to consider the whole prospect of
unemployment. He referred to the fact that the Government had made
the most liberal and generous provision that had ever been made for
unemployment after the war at the expense of the very over-burdened
taxpayers and ratepayers, but was fully alive to the obligations due to
ex-service men. The Government's plans would be announced in the
House of Commons to-morrow.

SCHEMES FORMULATED.

He mentioned that the Government had submitted certain schemes to
the London County Council and had offered to find one half if London
found the other. A similar proposal was being put before the other
big towns. He declared that the Government was going to employ
ex-service men on much needed house building, notwithstanding
the building trades unions' objections to relax their rules in connection
with the matter. He added: "And if the building trades object they must
take their chance."

WEST RIVER TRADE.

PROTECTION FOR STEAMERS.

SEVEN SHIPS RESUME SAILINGS.

The British Consul at Canton, who
recently went to Wuchow on H.M.S.
"Cicala," has arrived at an agree-
ment with the Governor of that city
that seven of the river boats should
be allowed to ply between Hongkong
and Wuchow under the protection of
the British flag. Each of the ships
will fly the British flag at its mast-
head, but a guarantee was given that
no Chinese passengers would be car-
ried on the boats between Samshui
and Wuchow. The ships are the
"Tai Ming" and "Kochow," British;
and the "Kwong Ying," "Kwong
Hing," "Chung On," "Kwok
Ling" and "Sun On," Chinese.
"All is quiet along the river. Yes-
terday H.M.S. "Cicala" was at
Samshui, and H.M.S. "Moth" at
Kongmoon.

Word of the new arrangement did
not reach the "Kwong Ying" in time
and that vessel sailed from Hong-
kong with about 300 passengers for
way ports and Wuchow, who were
landed at Samshui and brought back
to Hongkong last night. The "Tai
Ming" just received word in time
and disembarked her passengers for
ports beyond Samshui in Hongkong
before sailing.

Business is almost at a standstill
in Wuchow and will not be resumed
until the river boats again ply from
Wuchow up the river. The Chinese
in Wuchow are full of misgivings and
are anxious to leave the city. As it
is impossible for them to leave by
the river steamers their only means
of getting away is through Nanning
and Pakhoi. A large fleet of motor
boats plies between Wuchow and Lin.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

MURDER CHARGE PROVED.

DEATH SENTENCE PASSED.

The Criminal Sessions concluded
yesterday afternoon.
Chan Wah Hi who was charged
with murder committed during a
gang robbery, was found guilty and
sentenced to death by the Chief
Justice.
The two men, Lam Yuen and Lam
Kee, who were charged before the
Puisne Judge with manslaughter,
were found not guilty and were dis-
charged.

HONGKONG'S HEALTH.

NO NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.

RETURNS FOR THE WEEK.

A clean bill of health was returned
for the Colony yesterday.
In addition to the deaths of seven
Chinese from influenza (not notifiable)
the returns for last week show
the deaths of two Chinese
from cerebro-spinal fever,
and one from typhoid fever. Of
two cases of typhoid fever, both
Chinese, one was fatal. One case of
enteric fever, British, one case of
paratyphoid fever, Chinese, and two
cases of diphtheria, one British and
one Chinese, were also reported.

Nanning. The crews of these boats
have dismantled the engines of a
number of boats in order to prevent
them from being used as transports.
There is a movement of Kwangsi
troops from Wuchow towards Qui-
lin.

THE DOLLAR.

Today's closing rate 3/94
To-day's opening rate 3/94

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE HALL CONGRESS.

"THIRD INTERNATIONAL"
ADHERED TO.

LONDON, October 17th.
The German Independent Socialist party,
holding the Congress at Halle, has adopted
a resolution by 237 votes to 156 adhering
to the Third International.

MODERATES WITHDRAW.

LONDON, October 17th.
The resolution of the Halle Congress,
adhering to the Third International, has
resulted in the withdrawal of the moderates
from the Congress.

ORDERED TO LEAVE.

BERLIN, October 18th.

It is reported that the authorities have
ordered the Russian Soviet delegates M.
Zinoviev and M. Losovsky to leave Ger-
many.

COAL STRIKE.

LONDON, October 18th.

Messages from the coalfields show that
the strike of miners is complete and univer-
sal. Not a single ton of coal will from to-
day, be produced in Great Britain until the
settlement of the strike. The country will
be unable to think or talk of anything else.
It is pointed out that a quick settlement
is not likely, as nothing but a ballot of the
men now can achieve resumption of work.
The Government is already overwhelmed
with volunteers.

Earl Haig has appealed to ex-Service
men to exercise a steady influence.
Special constables are being enrolled.

LONDON, October 18th.

Although the miners' strike is now an
accomplished fact, the talk of mediation is
already in the air. The speeches of the
Labourite leaders during the week-end
encourage the belief that railwaymen and
transport workers prefer mediation to a
sympathetic strike. Much is expected from
a joint meeting of the Parliamentary
Labourites and the executive of the Labour
Party to-night preliminary to the opening
of Parliament to-morrow.

LONDON, October 18th.

In response to the request of the Govern-
ment to cancel racing at least for a week,
the Jockey Club announce the withdrawal
of the Doncaster, Sandown and Stockton
fixtures in the current week.

The executive of the Transport Workers'
Federation, which is watching develop-
ments in connection with the coal strike,
met this morning and adjourned till Octo-
ber 19th. It is stated that the attitude of
the transport workers will not be defined
till they meet the railwaymen.

PARIS, October 17th.

The Government has decided to encour-
age the importers of American coal by
granting certain financial concessions to
import American coal into France.

U.S. PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN.

INDIANAPOLIS, October 17th.

Senator Harding, addressing a meeting
of five thousand and referring to the Demo-
cratic allegation that he intended to scrap
the League of Nations, declared that, on
the contrary, his purpose was to unite
American public opinion upon the modifi-
cations to the League or a substitute for
it.

ELYRIA (Ohio), October 17th.

Governor Cox declared that Senator
Harding's speech at Indianapolis was
"another somersault," and meant that
Senator Harding and his advisers had been
caught in a No Man's Land, and saw that
they could not get back before election
day.

Replying to a question, Governor Cox
said that the Japanese question was a
domestic issue, and such issues should be
removed from the jurisdiction of the League
of Nations.

GREENSBORO (Indiana), Oct. 17th.

Replying to criticisms of his proposal for
an Association of Nations, Senator Hard-
ing declared that he had already been ap-
proached informally by a representative of
France who asked that the United States
should lead the way to world fraternity.

PROHIBITION ZEAL.

WASHINGTON, October 17th.

The State Department has issued a state-
ment hoping that no agents of the American
Government will interfere with the bag-
gage or personal belongings of any diplomat
or his family.

It is understood that the action is due
to the seal of Prohibition officers in seizing
liquors consigned to members of embassies
and legations here. Mr. Shouse, the As-
sistant Secretary to the Treasury, who recently
ordered Customs officers to search the bag-
gage of diplomats, has resigned.

ANGLO-FRENCH LOAN.

NEW YORK, October 18th.

The payment of the Anglo-French Loan,
over \$200,000,000, has been completed with-
out any disturbance.

The payment is mainly of the French
portion, England having anticipated most
of her share.

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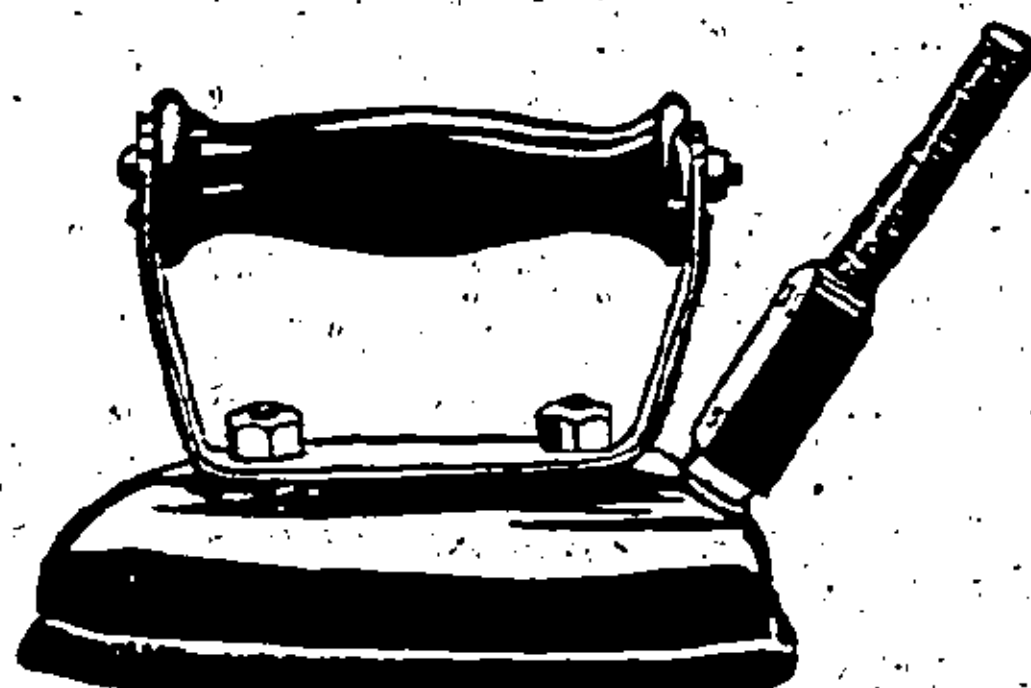
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Hongkong, October 14, 1920.

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Lot No. 90, and the Building thereon
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Chinese Godowns built of brick with
tile roofs, held for the residue of a term
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The Auctioneers.
Hongkong, October 9, 1920.

FOR SALE.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell at their Sales
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The Motor Yacht "IRENE"
Built 1916. Had very little usage.
Hall.....7 ft.
Length, water line 29' 9" over all 35ft.

Beam.....7 ft.
Draft.....3 ft.

Motor "Scotch" Heavy Duty 14
H. P. Complete with lavatory, refrigerator,
suit of sails and all accessories.
Price and full particulars may be had
from the undersigned.

Terms—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, October 6, 1920.

FOR SALE.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell at their Sales
Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner
of Ice House Street.

A Private collection of about 250
Chinese Staff Bottles including many
rare specimens.

with cabinet
Owner leaving the Colony
Particulars from the undersigned.

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An Aeronautical Correspondent
writes in a home paper:

As a commentary, and a hopeful
one, on Mr. Holt Thomas's letter
showing that the percentage of re-
liability in the first year's working of
the London-Paris "air express" was
as high as 94 per cent. is the fact
that during 14 recent weeks as many
as 2,500 Continental travellers have
abandoned railway in favour of "air-
way." And were it not for that
"deep-rooted distrust of the air as a
highway" to which Mr. Holt Thomas
refers, this figure, encouraging though
it is, might, of course, have been con-
siderably greater.

Air travellers, unless they are un-
fortunate enough to make a first
trip in very bad weather, are now
as a rule the best possible advertise-
ments for the service. To be picked
up in the West-end of London and
motored out to Croydon, to enter
the saloon of an "air express," in
which the arm-chair seats, provided
are now luxurious, and in which the
noise of the motor has been so
silenced that conversation with one's
neighbour is easy, and to pass over
250 miles of aerial highway at a
speed which frequently attains 125
miles an hour, and yet to do so in
perfect physical comfort, and with
an extraordinary feeling of security,
is an experience which is a
revelation to the ordinary man of
affairs who has been long inured to
the fatigue and discomfort of rail
and boat travel. And when he
glances at his watch while in flight
and sees the dreaded Channel slipping
away below him, almost unnoticed,
in a matter of only about 10 minutes,
his respect for the "airway" grows
even stronger.

As to the actual question of time-
saving, so important to those who
control large enterprises, it may be
pointed out that the latest saloon
machines often "cruise" at an average
speed which is slightly in
excess of 100 miles an hour, and
which permits the aerial journey
from Croydon to Le Bourget to be
made in two hours, or a fraction
less. Thus, even allowing for the
motor-car connections at each end, a
man can sometimes make the actual
journey from the steps of his hotel
in London to those of an hotel in
Paris in a total transit time of only
about 3½ hours—as contrasted with
a nine or 10 hours' journey by earth
transport, including the necessity to
change from train to steamer, and
back again from steamer to train.
And when it is found possible, as it
soon may be, to reduce the existing
10-guinea single "air express" fare
to one of about seven guineas, the
"airway" should, from the plain,
practical aspect of value received,
prove increasingly attractive to go-
ahead business men.

With regard to the important ques-
tion of the aerial mail, it is worthy
of note that, since the recent drastic
reductions in the rates for air-borne
letters to the Continent—rendered
possible by operating experience—an
appreciable increase has been ob-
served in the volume of such postings,
though it is still far short of what it
should be. Here, of course, there is
the inertia to be overcome which is
always an adverse preliminary factor
when introducing any such new idea
as this. Post Office records, for
example, show how slow at first the
public was to avail itself of the oppor-
tunity of sending telegrams, when
that convenience was introduced; and
though people are infinitely quicker
nowadays than they used to be in
seizing and exploiting some new
facility, there is still this aspect of
sheer unfamiliarity to be reckoned
with.

REGULAR SERVICES.

The promise for next year, in re-
gard to goods carriage in bulk by
air, is specially encouraging. By the
spring we may expect to see on test
a type of machine designed simply
and solely to carry big weights
through the air at moderate
speeds, and to fly so reliably,
owing to the possession of several
motors in an engine-room, that it
can be used for long night flights
with scarcely any risk of a forced
landing while away from illuminated
aerodromes. Such machines should
be able to carry consignments of
goods weighing tons, and to do so
at rates so low that they may be
reckoned eventually, if only large
and regular loads are forthcoming,
at not much more than a few pence
a pound.

Here, however, in this question of
the size and uniformity of loads, lies
the whole future of aerial transport.
The facilities are now there; reli-
ability has been attained; and it is
for the world to begin to think in
terms of the air not only for their
own personal transit when they are
in a hurry, but also for the transport
of urgent mails and goods. Once
the European air services can count
on sufficiently large, and also suf-
ficiently regular loads, aerial trans-
port can be provided not only at
very great speeds, and with ample
reliability, but also at rates which
the business world will find sur-
prisingly low.

OLD JAPAN.

INTERESTING ECHOES.

WEIRD EXPERIENCES OF ONE
LIFETIME.

Nothing can impress on the West-
ern world more vividly the advance
that Japan has made in liberal
opinions and freedom than the life
story of one who has suffered under
the severe regime of feudal Japan
and is still living in the Taisho era,
the Tokyo correspondent of the
Morning Post writes. Mr. Ichito
Kojima, now 78 years old has been
some stirring times. Before
Japan was opened up to intercourse
with the outside world he was a
Samurai swaggering about with
two swords, despising the common
people. His family were of a priestly
tribe for generations with the ancient
spears of their warrior members
adorning the walls of the old home-
stead. In youth, Mr. Kojima was
one of the most expert swordsmen
of the clan. When the country was
opened to foreigners he went to
Nagasaki to see the barbarians the
chikusho, or beasts, as they were
then called. To him they seemed over-
proud and arrogant for all the looks
they could boast of, but he found one,
a missionary named Ensor, who was
humble and noble of mind. All
feared foreigners, and with many
others Mr. Kojima bought pills and
charms sold by the Emperor to ward
off foreign dangers. The costumes
of the time were a wonder. Nine
different styles of head-dress prevailed
for men. Upper-class women had
long trailing red trousers, shaved off
their eyebrows, and put two black
spots in their place.

LAWYERS AGAINST CHRISTIANITY.
From the first Mr. Kojima was
interested in the foreign religion,
and resolved to study it under the
kind Englishman Ensor at Nagasaki.
As this was prohibited, the faith of
Christ being proscribed by law, the
young man was exposed to great
danger. But he thought a knowledge
of the foreign religion would enable
him to help his country. His family
were against it. As a child he had
played under the Government sign
boards standing on the roadsides
threatening condign punishment on all
associating themselves with the hated
religion. At Nagasaki he first went
to a French priest, as the followers of
the Roman Church had held on
through 200 years of persecution.
At one house he saw a man worship-
ping a piece of paper pasted on the
wall. He found afterwards that be-
hind that paper was a cavity cut in
the post in which stood a crucifix
that had for many a year eluded the
scrutiny of the police. Mr. Kojima
had not received many lessons in the
new religion before discovering that
it was good rather than bad, and that
the notions of his countrymen who
opposed it were entirely false. As
the laws against Christianity were
repealed on the opening of the coun-
try to Western intercourse Mr.
Kojima was free, and now entered
the service of the British Consulate
at Nagasaki.

TORTURED FOR HIS FAITH.

Before this, however, he had suffer-
ed untold persecutions and tortures
for his faith in Christianity. Know-
ing he was an adherent of the
detested faith the police kept an eye
on him and caught him one
night as he was returning
from the bath. Bound in heavy iron
chains he was cast into prison
among criminals of the lowest type.
When he told the wretches such
truths as that the world was round
and not flat, and described to them
God and the universe, they laughed
at him as trying to tell them fairy
tales. After a hard examination by
the officers of the law he was carried
in chains to Fukuoka and thence
to Yedo, to what he thought
would be execution. During this
long journey of some three months
he had to sit in a kago, or carrying
basket, all day chained to the roof.
The crowds along the route gathered
to see a criminal suffering for disloy-
alty to the national gods. On the way
a beautiful girl the daughter of a
daimyo thrust a short sword into his
kago, secretly, that he might have
wherewith to despatch himself and
escape the awful tortures that she be-
lieved awaited him. At first his treat-
ment in Yedo was more lenient, but
later he was put in chains again, and
lay in a cell three years. He man-
aged to live, however, until the fall of
the Shogun, when he was set free
it took him a long time to regain the
use of his legs. He went home
now, but all were still suspicious of
him as an exponent of the foreign
faith; so he went again to Nagasaki.
His friend Ensor had returned to
England. Mr. Kojima then took up
work as a teacher of the Japanese
language to foreigners, a duty in
which he has been eminently suc-
cessful, having now followed it for
50 years or more.

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country. Some antiquated notions
of law and religion still find credence
and practice; but there is nothing of
the crudity and cruelty of those old
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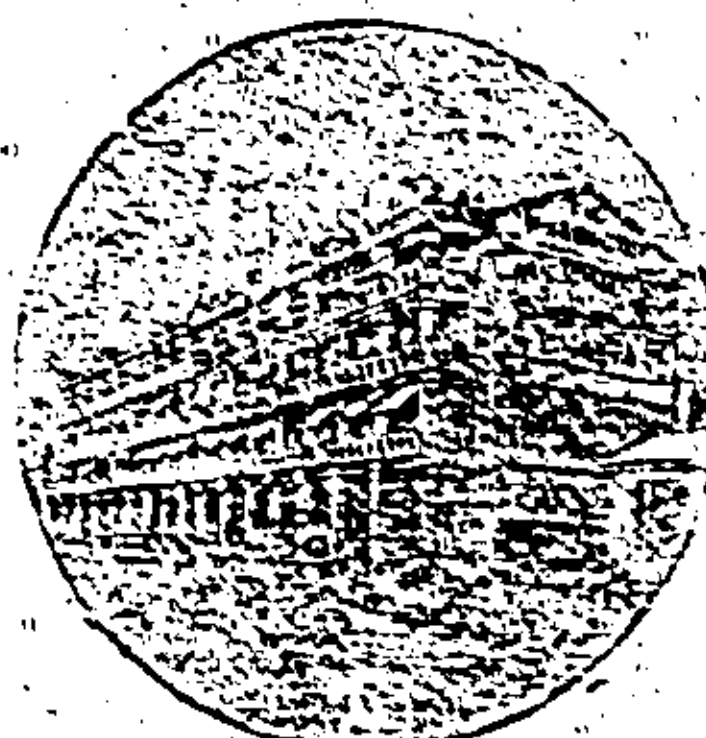
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THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION.

The journalistic references to the annual meeting of the British Association show that an unusual variety of subjects were handled. There was none, apparently, that we feel inclined to dilate upon; but there is one thought that comes to us after reading these sketchy references to deep discussions, a thought perhaps deserving elaboration. The respectability of research is admitted, in the name of science, by people who have not realized all it signifies, and who do not know what a catholic word "science" is. These are the people who use such a formula as this: "Do you presume to set up your opinion against that of so eminent an authority as . . . ?" They are sequentially loyal to "established truth." They reverence authority. Now that is precisely what research is not and does not. Research implies constant doubt and constant questioning. Science is any knowledge of fact. What we to-day regard as established truths have been got by disestablishing the truths of yesterday. We cling to knowledge on the guesses and the errors of predecessors, on stepping stones of contradicted and refuted authorities. Research requires more than the divine thirst of curiosity and inquisitiveness. It requires that same presumption and "cheek" which is denominated "a sceptical attitude towards the most respectable hypotheses and the most conventional beliefs." The man who takes a copybook maxim and analyses it is engaging in scientific research, and may light on some idea of value to the study of psychology. Yet to question a copybook maxim, hallo! would seem blasphemous in some eyes. These forget that the word "research" itself gives the clue. It means that we should look again, and in the same place. It is only when the British Association has its annual stunt that research is respectable, really. For the most part society is instinctively against it, as the schoolboy is against the shifting of boundaries and altering of maps. He wants a stable geography, and society wants a stable philosophy. That is why "faith" is stronger than science, and why knowledge comes in such halting dribbles.

COMMERCE AND INVESTMENT.

Numerous indications expertly and carefully considered suggest that presently money will appreciate and goods depreciate. Great prices all over the world are breaking. Those who invested in money, that is to say, in war loans, during the war, would have done better to hold goods, or shares representing goods. Because goods went up and money went down. We can see that now. The reverse is the case to-day. It would now appear wise to unload shares representing goods and to hold money, in mortgages or loans. The dollars to be realized later on will be better dollars than they now are. With regard to products, rubber is a good example or case in point. According to the best available opinion, it has a long period of depression in front of it, which no artificial restriction of output can offset. Home manufacturers are sufficiently supplied until next year, and the year 1921 will probably be well advanced before any great demand is encountered. Much depends, of course, on the way things shape in Europe. There is but small prospect of peace there yet, and business must continue to be discouraged while the present conditions abide.

THE "MILITARY AUTHORITIES" AND US.

Can it possibly be that the military authorities of Hongkong do not love the *China Mail*? They sent two columns of "copy" about medals to the other papers, and we—boobies—are distinguished by being left out, an unfeared Cinderella of a newspaper, sans the medal story, sans the affectionate consideration of our "military authorities," but not, glory be! together sans hope. Some day, years hence, by assiduous sycophancy and respectful references to their indispensability, their intellectuality, and their general loveliness, it is possible that we may manage to get into the good graces of the "military authorities." When that blessed time comes, we may as well mention it now to save them trouble then, our regard for them will still be quite uninterested so far as that sort of "copy" is concerned. They need not send any to us. At the risk of the sneer about "our grapes," which—honest! Injun—would not be apt this time, we beg to say that we could not dream, even in the slackest season, of wasting two columns of space on such glorified

Red Tape. In an idle moment, and from idle curiosity, we skimmed that farago of dull and locally inapplicable detail about the dispensation of war medals. What an insult to the real soldier who has really earned a real medal! It puts war medals on an O.B.E. level. It was written "for the guidance of the Dominions," and Hongkong isn't a Dominion. We know, or think we know, some of the things that Dominions folk will say when or if they read it. Presumably it comes hot from the intellectual factory of the War Office, which has been busy remunerating the soldiers and studying the question of uniforms. We note with professional pride that Press Correspondents may, in certain circumstances, have medals, provided that they "have forwarded their communications to their several newspapers ordinarily by telegraph and not by letter." Struth! Spit blood! Let's drop this at once, before we say words that in a less disgusted and contemptuous mood we might regret.

One more word. Perhaps we have been unjust to the local military authorities. It occurs to us that they may have realized that we were the one paper with savvy enough to refuse to waste space on such tomfoolery. In that case, we appreciate the compliment and thank them for it. They were right.

One last word. The high military Panjandrum has decided that Hongkong was not a "theatre of war." This is for them an extraordinary fluke into common-sense. Hongkong, as a theatre of Indispensables, did not know there was a war on until Armistice Day. At least, we have heard so.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Mr. C. E. W. Ricou, the pioneer of aviation in Hongkong and Macao, is contemplating an early flight to Saigon, Bangkok and Singapore.

The Overseas Cantanese in America have recently made a contribution of \$100,000 to Canton, towards the expenses of Cantonese Army.

The wedding is announced to take place at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, on Nov. 19, of Lieut. C. M. Bygate, 22nd Punjab, and Miss Winifred Maud Hutchinson, daughter of Thos. Hutchinson Esq., Darlington, England.

The following approaching weddings are announced: Mr. Sydney Charles Northcott, foreman of works, Naval Yard, to Miss Ethel Kade Foot, en route from England by the "Somali"; Mr. Andrew Todd Hamilton, schoolmaster, to Miss Mary King Tyne, en route by s.s. "Devanha."

The *Straits Times* records the death at Singapore of Mr. C. Foster, one of the oldest European residents of Singapore and the F. M. S. who is well remembered in contracting and engineering circles in the Colony and Federation. He had been in Malaya since 1888 and was first with Swan and Maclaren, but later, in partnership with Mr. Fisher, carried out a number of important contracts.

The Canton situation remains unchanged. According to information communicated by an officer to the *Canton Times* Mu Yung-hsien will not leave Canton until the Peking Government issues a mandate to that effect, as he was appointed Tschun of Kwangtung by the North. He is trying to gain time to wait for the return of the Kwangsi troops from the East River districts. In reply to a note from the Citizens Peace Committee, Mu Yung-hsien, however, has stated that he is waiting for the proper disposal of his Kwangsi troops before he can demolish the newly-built fortifications in the city. General Li Fook-lum and Ngai Bong-ping have telegraphed General Chen Chung-ming stating that Mu Yung-hsien is simply gaining time for the return of the Kwangsi troops from the front and has no intention of leaving Canton.

It is rather sad news, says *Truth*, that the old "Victory" is getting so groggy that she will have to be removed to a mud berth. Cement and bricks may continue to keep the water out, but her underwater plank is becoming very tender, and there are ominous signs that it is not likely to hold together much longer. As the ship was launched at Chatham on May 7, 1915, she has added a wonderful demonstration of the qualities of English oak to her other famous achievements.

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SPORTS.

FOOTBALL.

YESTERDAY'S NAVAL MATCH.

(By Ox Sap.)

The Weather Gods yesterday proved very propitious, and the crowd which gathered on the Club ground at 4.30 to see a good game of football did not go away disappointed. The contending teams were Submarine L7 XI and the "Ambrose" Stokers, the match being the final in the Inter-Port Ship's Competition. Being a final the game drew a good batch of partisans of the rival teams, with a fair sprinkling of soldiers and civilians. No doubt the gate would have been bigger if the match had been fixed for a Saturday or holiday, but the imminent approach of League Football rendered this impossible. The "Ambrose" Funny Party was on hand to do a little bit of "squeeze piggin" on behalf of the wounded sailors and soldiers at St. Dunstan's and judging from their persuasive ways their efforts did not prove unsuccessful. Before the match started, and during the interval by kind permission of Lt. Col. Wyndham, the Wiltshire Band under Bandmaster Easton rendered selections.

Lieut. Thornton was in charge of the game, with Sergt. Wells and Stoker Barrett ("Carlisle") as line-men to assist him.

THE GAME.

The "Ambrose" Stokers lined up as follows: Stenbury; Boylin and Collins; Downs, Brooks and Scawn; Seymour, Bath, Hannaford, Hemmings and Edgcombe. Facing them, the L7 XI were: Gadd; Woodruffe and Pauline; Bowden, Sargent and Lehane; Telford, May, Neville, Beardall and Hilton.

The Stokers won the toss and set their opponents to face a strong setting sun. From the kick off the submarine men got well down the field but failed to get through. Boylin at right-back for the Stokers, clearing nicely to Hannaford who, executing a quick run to the opposite goal mouth, found the defence a stiff proposition.

After this exchange of visits play settled down to a rapid see-saw game of the hard-kicking variety, both sets of forwards losing little time in getting away, but each finding the other's defence sound, both goalies playing a very safe game, with Sargent at centre half for the L7 and Boylin and Collins for the Stokers difficult problems to overcome. The L7 were more in their opponents' area, but the Stokers proved far more dangerous in their getaways. In each team fine forward movements were spoiled by weakness in front of goal. The whistle went for half time with the ball in the middle of the field, this position being a pretty fair indication of the run of the play.

The second half saw the two teams line up keyed up to a fine pitch. After a bit of skirmishing at centre the Stokers got well down, but the backs clearing, Neville for L7 put in a beautiful shot which struck the crossbar and in the ensuing melee the submarine men forced a corner, which did not materialize. After this play was of a ding-dong nature, both sides taking turns to be dangerous, a penalty awarded the L7 being saved in fine style by Stenbury. Full time came with no scores. It was decided to play an extra ten minutes each way. The first extra ten minutes marked about the keenest and liveliest football of the whole match, the spectators being treated to any number of thrills in the way of "near things" but the falling light soon had its effect, and the final whistle went with the scores blank, after a very even game.

The players are to be congratulated on a total absence of that deplorable "Cuttie" feeling which generally animates both players and spectators during local Finals, play being refreshingly clean and sportsmanlike.

S.C.A. v. R.G.A.

The South China Athletics turned out a team of ten men on the Sookumpoo valley yesterday afternoon and gave the R.G.A. team a very good match.

The Chinese kicked off and immediately rushed the soldiers' goal where they tested the goalie with a couple of shots which that worthy cleared without much difficulty. When the soldiers attacked, the Chinese were forced to concede a corner. This was beautifully placed but before any one of the attackers could get to the ball the goalie cleared. A ding-dong midfield struggle followed, in the course of which one of the soldiers fouled. The free kick sent the Chinese going, but the backs cleared. Watson took the ball into Chinese territory where when near goal he passed beautifully to McHugh who wasted no time in taking a pot shot at goal. The goalie was in position, however, and saved. The soldiers continued to press until one of their forwards was ruled offside. The free kick set the Chinese on the offensive, but Walker pulled them up. Continuous shots at the soldiers' goal were effectively cleared by the goalie. The soldiers then took the ball into Chinese territory and kept it there until the half time. They took many shots at goal, but the goalie refused to be beaten.

At half time the score sheet was blank.

The soldiers opened the second half well, but were not allowed to go very far. Midfield was the order for a long time until Watson set the pace. Offside stopped what was a very promising attack. The Chinese had a try for a goal, but failed to beat the goalie. The ball was all over the soldiers' territory until Morris relieved the pressure by passing to Wilson, who was doing well when he was pulled up for offside. Some rough play followed, both sides being at fault. The struggle continued to be a ding-dong affair with both ends visited in quick succession, but the forwards of neither side scored. The final whistle found the score sheet blank!

CLUB v. POLICE.

The following will represent the Club in a friendly match against the Police on the Club ground, kick off at 5.15 p.m. today: G. Rodger, W. Gerrard, J. Rodger, A. McDonald, M. Boyson, G. May, L. Goldenberg, M. Sandberg, R. S. Logan, E. Riis and A. N. Other.

The following will represent the Portuguese in a friendly match against the Kowloon F.C. on the Yau-mat ground at 5.30 p.m. tomorrow: L. Xavier, P. Xavier, V. Comodoro, E. de Sousa, E. Frata, J. Remedios, R. Hyndman, A. Hyndman, A. Botelho, H. Xavier and C. Assumpcao.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

NEXT SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

The football league will start this week—

FIRST DIVISION.
All matches will be played at 4 p.m.
Club v. "Carlisle" on the Club ground.
Wills v. R.G.A. on the Sookumpoo ground.
South China v. "Ambrose" on the South China ground.
"Tamar" v. Kowloon on the Navy ground.
Wills v. R.G.A. on Sookumpoo ground.

SECOND DIVISION.
All matches will be played at 2.30 p.m.
Club v. 22nd Punjab on the Club ground.
United v. Club Recreio on Sookumpoo ground.
Staffs v. South China on the South China ground.
Indians v. R. G. A. on Navy ground.

LAW BOWLS.

TAIKOO'S CLOSING DAY.

The official closing day of the Taikoo Bowling Green takes place on Saturday at 2 p.m. when the members will be "at home" to their friends. Rink games will be played for spoons, and the prizes won during the season will be presented at the close of play.

BILLIARDS.

PALACE HOTEL TOURNAMENT.

Last night, in the Palace Hotel Billiards Tournament, W. Drew (125) beat G. Haigh (125), the final score being 250 and 179, respectively. W. Cooper (125) beat G. Thomas (100), the score reading 250 and 149, respectively. Cooper's highest breaks were 32, 22, 18, 17 and 17, whilst Thomas could do nothing better than 17 and 16.

To-night, at 6 p.m. M. Earner (25) meets A. Rowe (100) and at 9 p.m. W. Taylor (50) meets W. G. Gerrard (150).

CRICKET.

INTERPORT TRIAL.

The following teams have been selected for a trial match to be played on the Hongkong Club Ground on Saturday next, the 23rd, instant commencing at 11.45 a.m.: Mr. Woods Team—A. E. Wood, Capt. Davies, R. L. D. Wodehouse, E. B. Reed, Major Edwards, R. E. O. Bird, Lt. Franks, R. N. Capt. Gray, C. Blaker, Capt. Oliver, and Lt. Bevan. Mr. Hancock's Team—R. Hancock, F. J. de Rome, A. N. Alexander, E. G. Kennett, J. P. Braga, H. Baskett, J. R. Farthing, T. E. Pearce, W. C. D. Turner, G. R. Sayer, and Major Bagnall.

Mr. Oscar Asche's production *Chin Chin* has proved a good friend to the Exchequer. It has now entered upon its fifth year, has been seen by over two and a half million people, and has contributed £57,500 to the national funds by way of the entertainment tax. During the time that it has been running (at his Majesty's Theatre something like 400 plays have been produced or revived, and have disappeared from the London stage). On September 28 it entered upon its 20th century of performances.

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SHANGHAI, Oct. 20.

A Chinese teacher was indefinitely bound over in the Mixed Court for distributing Bolshevik literature in the Settlement. The defence pleaded mental derangement.

VICTORIA BRITISH SCHOOL.

CLOSED.

OUTBREAK OF DENGUE FEVER.

Victoria British School has been closed for two weeks, owing to an outbreak of dengue fever.

This may sound alarming to parents, but there is no occasion for panic. The cases are not numerous, and affect the teachers more than the scholars. The shutting of the school is precautionary. During this interregnum the Government is taking special measures to make the surroundings as safe and hygienic as possible. The school will re-open on Nov. 3.

Dengue, the Indian name for a particular kind of fever, is very painful, but not especially dangerous. A colloquial name for it is "rotten bone fever." That's how the patient feels. Experto crede.

Meanwhile, here is a sporting incident. Mr. Brown, the Headmaster, invites to his residence for instruction the children of the upper school, especially those who are studying for the University exam.

BRITISH CHAMBERS OF

COMMERCE.

GOVERNMENT SUPPORT.

The *M. C. Daily News* publishes a despatch from the British Legation to the Consul-General at Shanghai, dated October 6, as follows:—

Sir—The formation of British Chambers of Commerce in China, and their union last year in the Association of British Chambers of Commerce in China and Hongkong has been followed with the closest interest by His Majesty's Government. The work and influence of the Chambers, both individually and collectively, cannot fail to be of the highest value to British manufacturing and mercantile interests and to British interests generally, and in the opinion of His Majesty's Government a continuance of united and combined effort is essential if our commercial position is to be maintained.

I am accordingly desirous by His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to express to the representatives of the communities in China the earnest hope of His Majesty's Government that the active co-operation initiated with such success last year will be zealously developed. His Majesty's Government look with confidence to all British merchants and manufacturers' representatives in China to lend continued and wholehearted support to the Chambers of Commerce and to do everything in their power to advance a movement which is necessary as much in imperial interests as in their own.

In your official capacity you should spare no pains to support the movement towards co-operative effort inaugurated by the Chambers of Commerce and, in conveying this message to the British Chamber of Commerce established in your district, you should express the hope that the Conference of British Chambers will receive such support as will make their resolutions representative of British mercantile opinion, realizing that it is in China itself rather than in England that our commercial interests in the Far East can be promoted most effectively.

THE FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE.

The second Conference of the Associated Chamber will be held at Shanghai next month from November 3 to 6. Members have already been notified of this and asked to send the Secretary any suggestions which they may care to make as regards proposals for discussion or the organization of the Conference. At the time of writing, and subject to later decisions, says the *Journal of the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce*, it is proposed in general to follow the lines laid down last year, with, however, considerably less formality. Sir Everard Fraser, K.C.M.G., has been asked to preside at the opening of the meeting, and Mr. Archibald Rose, C.I.E., and Mr. H. J. Brett, Acting Commercial Counsellor of Legation, will take an active part. Invitations to be present have been sent to R. H. Clive, Esq., H. M. Charge d'Affaires, Vice-Admiral Sir Alexander Duff, K.C.B., R.N., E. F. Crowe, Esq., C.M.G., H.M. Commercial Counsellor to Legation, Yokohama, and Edgar G. Jamieson, Esq., Commercial Secretary to Legation, Hongkong.

A RUSSIAN BOND.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS CONVICTED.

The two Chinese who were yesterday remanded by Magistrate Smith on a charge of possession, for an unlawful purpose, of two chests and a coil of rope, were again before the Court this morning.

Inspector Moore informed the Magistrate that he had made enquiries at the Russian Bank with regard to a piece of paper which was found in the hip pocket of a pair of European trousers worn by the second defendant, and was informed that the paper was a Russian bond for roubles printed in the United States for the Kerensky Government. Many soldiers had been paid with these bonds. The bond was worth about \$1.60 Hongkong currency, but was not negotiable at present. Perhaps when Russia had a stable government, the bond would be redeemed.

The Magistrate asked if there were many such bonds in Hongkong. Inspector Moore said he did not know. There had been many Russian soldiers passing through the Colony from Vladivostok, and it was possible that they had brought some of these bonds with them. The Magistrate sentenced the defendants to three weeks' hard labour each.

SINGAPORE.

PORT OF PRETTY WOMEN.

YOUTH IN THE EAST.

The following article reprinted from the *Daily Mail* was one of the last penned in Singapore by Hilda M. Love, whose sudden death in Hongkong is still fresh in memory.

Pretty girls have stolen command of the seas. They rule the waves all the way from East to West, and when they step ashore at Singapore they walk into a kingdom peculiarly their own. Nowadays one remembers Singapore not as a great commercial centre, but as the port of pretty women.

Never have the richa runners drawn such charming freights, bringing with them a suggestion of Regent-street in their delightful frocks, creating visions of rural England with their lovely complexions. Those who prophesied the loss of feminine beauty through the various forms of war work undertaken by women would hide their heads behind a ginsling could they see the daughters of Britain in John Little's at eleven of the morning attire, or would shake the prophet's mantle from them for ever as they watched the gay jazzers at the Europe Hotel. Past years appear to have developed rather than have robbed the war girls of their charm.

Pretty arrivals are revivifying the East with their youth, beauty, and spirits, and their trunks of pretty clothes and chic hats are giving a new gaiety everywhere.

Tired eyes look on gratefully at this great revue of pretty girls, blue-eyed dainty sylphs, handsome brunettes, and bobbed-headed charmers, most of them war-brides, frankly revelling in the new life of this sunny cosmopolitan city. Their arrival is very welcome to weary old-timers who for the past five years have not had their eyes gladdened with such modern home samples; their enthusiasm is refreshing as they spiritedly bargain with Indian silk merchants or hopefully roam round looking for old brass and jade.

The average British girl never looks better than when clad in summery attire. Here day after day the sun greets her calling for dainty light frocks, for becoming flower-strewn picture hats, or for fascinating toques with jazz umbrellas. Given such a sunny background, the simple charming modes of to-day aid even slightly pretty girls to form alluring pictures.

Rubber planters returning to their lonely plantations after a jag (ho! day!) in Singapore grow positively maudlin about the visions they leave behind.

"It does me good," remarked a man overdue for leave, "just to sit and watch them pass in the hotel lounge!"

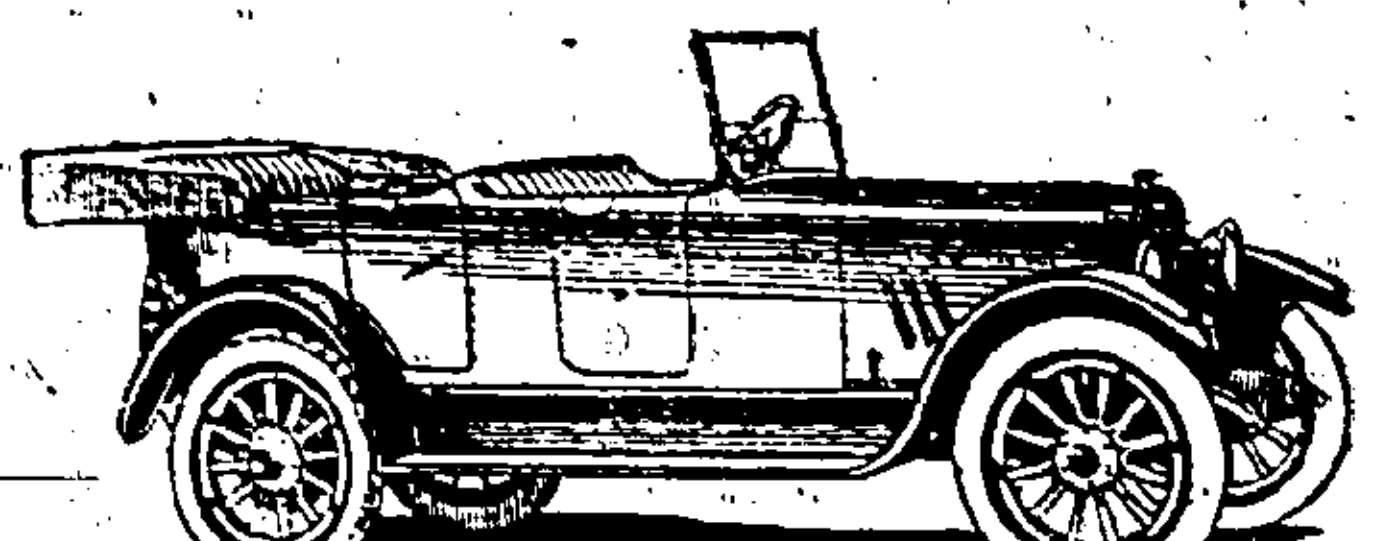
Even blasé demobbeds, accustomed to the galaxy of good-looking girls of London town, have to admit the high standard that comes to Singapore. Some just touch at the port for a day or two; time enough to dance and lend their smiles to the sunny city; others arrive firmly to establish themselves here, adding a new zest to social life, and—unconsciously, of course!—creating more havoc among the bachelors.

There is, as usual, always the croaker, who while revelling in the fairness of his kinswomen deplors that the East will steal their roses. But these delightful young wives look capable of putting up a good fight against Eastern ravages.

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OPIUM SEIZED.

A STIFF SENTENCE.

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Chief Preventive Officer Wildin this morning charged two Chinese, a Hakka and a Hainanese, the latter and a "boy" respectively of the Danish ship "Panama," with the unlawful possession of 2,692 taels of raw opium.

The first defendant denied all knowledge of the drug, while the other admitted possession.

Mr. Wildin said that he would not withdraw the charge against the first defendant, as he hoped to prove that they were both connected with the opium.

Last night, said Mr. Wildin, with several Revenue Officers, he boarded the "Panama" and searched her for contraband. In the store room, they found a gunny bag containing the opium which was good Indian opium. He interviewed the ship's steward who told him that the two defendants were engaged in Singapore for one trip only. They had smuggled the bag into the storeroom, unnoticed.

Replying to the Magistrate, Mr. Wildin said that he had no doubt that the opium was smuggled from India and transhipped from port to port. Its ultimate destination, doubtless, was Hongkong, where the defendants intended disposing of it.

The Magistrate said that there was a doubt in the case of the first defendant. Therefore he must give him the benefit of that doubt and discharge him. He convicted the second defendant on his own admission and sentenced him to 12 months' hard labour, and a fine of \$5,000 or a further 6 months' hard labour. The sentences are to run consecutively in the event of the fine not being paid.

CORRESPONDENCE.

APPEAL TO BRITONS OVERSEAS.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir—Will you be kind enough to allow me space to say a few words concerning the Shaftesbury Homes & "Arethusa" Training Ship, for they are greatly in need of funds to enable the Committee to carry on without impairing the efficiency of the work. Five years of war have added enormously to the maintenance charges and the situation becomes serious. The Committee are loth to close down any of the Homes and appeal to the British public for a generous response and increased support.

Think of the "Arethusa" lads in 350 vessels under the White Ensign during the late war, of old boys from the Country Homes of the Society in 150 Home and Dominion regiments, of the large number trained for useful citizenship in this country and the Dominions and of the 1,000 boys and girls now being trained for useful employments.

The "Arethusa's" splendid record for last year in sending 70 per cent. of her boys to sea should be gratifying to the British public, the vessel which came next to them in output out of the other four voluntary ships reached only 40 per cent. The Country Homes are equally as successful in school work and manual training. Surely it would be a disaster to the nation if any curtailment became necessary through lack of funds. We are now appealing for 100,000 dollars to ensure a continuance of the work without anxiety. The Treasurer C. E. Malden, Esq., will be glad to receive gifts at 164, Shaftesbury Avenue, London, W.C.2. to avert the closing down of any part of the work.

Yours, etc.,
HENRY G. COPELAND,
Secretary.

A Chinese girl, aged about 8 years, was yesterday admitted to the Tung Wah Hospital suffering from injuries to her left foot, caused through being knocked down and run over by motor car No. 414 in Hongkong. The accident is said to have been unavoidable as the girl is alleged to have suddenly run into the road from the footpath, right in front of the car. The chauffeur saw the danger, and applied the brakes. The car was travelling at about 8 miles an hour at the time of the accident.

SPECIAL CABLES.

PIECE GOODS CRISIS.

SERIOUS SITUATION IN SHANGHAI.

HUGE EXCHANGE LOSSES.
SUPREME JAPANESE EFFORT TO OUST
BRITISH PRODUCTS.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, Oct. 20.
Five hundred native piece goods dealers are on the verge of bankruptcy. Eighty have suspended business and others threaten a stoppage in retaliation for the refusal of the British and American Chambers of Commerce to assist in the cancellation of contracts. Exchange losses exceed 100,000,000. Japanese importers are making a supreme effort to displace British and American products, offering wide credit for spot cargo at far less than the market price. The depression is likely to be left for years.

MINE EXPLOSION.

FIVE HUNDRED KILLED.

KAILAN MINES TRAGEDY.

SHANGHAI, Oct. 20.
As the result of an explosion at the Kailan mines at Tang Shan 500 persons were killed. Another report states that 800 were killed. An investigation is progressing.

"EMPRESS" ACCIDENT.

CAPTAIN RESPONSIBLE.

BOARD OF INQUIRY FINDING.

After mature deliberation on the "Empress of Russia" and "Mariposa" accident in Manila Bay on August 18, last, in which one was killed and ten were injured, and after careful consideration of the evidence presented in the investigation of the case, the special board of marine accidents, in its decision submitted to the insular collector held that the "Empress of Russia" was responsible for the collision.

The "Empress of Russia," according to the findings of the board, was travelling at the rate of 15 knots per hour at the time of the accident. The fact, however, that Captain Samuel Robinson of the "Empress" was not on the bridge after the vessel had cleared Corregidor was held unlawful, knowing as he should from previous experiences the danger of speeding in Manila Bay, especially during night, when the bay is crowded with small craft the decision states.

TO-DAY'S
ADVERTISEMENTS.HONGKONG CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB.
NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

ALL MEMBERS are requested to remove their Private Gear and Effects from the Club Premises, not later than October 26th. My responsibility for same, ceases from that date. The Auction will be held on the 26th inst.

By Order,
E. J. AINSLIE,
Liquidator.
Hongkong, October 20, 1920.

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NOTICE TO YACHT OWNERS.

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LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS,
Hongkong, October 20, 1920.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From SCANDINAVIA.

THE Motorship "PANAMA."

having arrived from the above ports on 19th October, 1920. Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence, and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 25th October, 1920, will be subject to rent. All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 25th October, 1920, at 10 a.m. Claims against the steamer must be presented within 10 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by Messrs. THORESEN & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, October 20, 1920.

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

AMENDED STARTING TIMES FOR QUALIFYING ROUND OF CHAMPIONSHIP.

N. C. Wilson & M. M. Mass.	9.30 A.M. & 1.00 P.M.
E. Davidson & J. Macdonald.	9.37 " " 1.07 "
J. E. Warner & T. W. Hill.	9.44 " " 1.14 "
P. O. de Paravicini & J. B. Ross.	9.51 " " 1.21 "
R. A. Camidge & D. J. Valentine.	9.58 " " 1.28 "
J. D. Kinnaird & N. L. Smith.	10.05 " " 1.35 "
T. S. Forrest & K. S. Morrison.	10.12 " " 1.42 "
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Hongkong, October 14th, 1920.

TO-DAY'S
ADVERTISEMENTS.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"TENYO MARU."

From SAN FRANCISCO, via HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS & MANILA.

The above named Steamer having arrived on Thursday, the 21st October, 1920, consignees of cargo are hereby notified to present their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery from alongside steamer or the Company's Godown, where all cargo impeding immediate discharge will be landed at consignees' risk.

Storage will be assessed on cargo remaining undelivered after Thursday, the 28th October, 1920.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages will be landed into the Company's Godown, where same will be examined on Monday, the 1st November 1920, at 11 A.M.

No claims will be recognized after goods have left the steamer or Godown, and none will be entertained if presented later than three weeks after arrival of steamer.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.
Y. TEUTSUMI,
Manager.
Hongkong, October 20, 1920.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on
FRIDAY, October 22, 1920,
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(For account of the concerned)

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50 Bales Gannies,
(stored in No. 5 godown),

50 Bales Gannies,
(stored in No. 10 godown).
Terms:—Cash on delivery.

LAMBERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, October 20, 1920.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,
(For account of the concerned),

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TUESDAY,
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Hongkong, October 20, 1920.

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KOTSU MARU ... Sunday, 24th October.

SHINSEI MARU ... Thursday, 4th November.

JAPAN PORTS—Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama.

TANGO MARU ... Saturday, 20th Nov., at 11 a.m.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

TENSHIN MARU ... Thursday, 21st October.

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FROM SHANGHAI

DATE	STEAMER	FROM
Nov. 3—B. F.	Telamon.	Shanghai
10—P. & O.	Dilwara.	Shanghai
14—B. F.	Antiochus.	Shanghai
15—B. F.	Atreus.	Shanghai
22—B. F.	Elpenor.	Shanghai
23—B. F.	Tydeus.	Shanghai
27—B. F.	Felens.	Shanghai
28—B. F.	Telemachus.	Shanghai
Dec. 6—B. F.	Orestes.	Shanghai
6—B. F.	Thesus.	Shanghai
19—B. F.	Demolochus.	Shanghai
19—B. F.	Romeus.	Shanghai
20—B. F.	Alcibius.	Shanghai
30—B. F.	Hector.	Shanghai
Jan. 3—B. F.	Rheus.	Shanghai
17—B. F.	Orpheus.	Shanghai

FROM JAPAN

DATE	STEAMER	FROM
Oct. 21—P. & O.	Kashgar.	Yokohama
21—N. Y. K.	Nikko Maru.	Yokohama
23—N. Y. K.	Kotsu Maru.	Yokohama
23—E. & A.	Eastern.	Yokohama
28—N. Y. K.	Sado Maru.	Yokohama
28—B. I. A.	Porcia.	Yokohama
29—P. & O.	Alipho.	Yokohama
30—B. F.	Jason.	Yokohama
31—B. F.	Idomeneus.	Yokohama
Nov. 2—B. I. A.	Takada.	Yokohama
12—P. & O.	Novara.	Yokohama
20—B. I. A.	Japan.	Yokohama
22—P. & O.	Nellore.	Yokohama
29—E. & A.	Kanowna.	Yokohama
30—B. F.	Agapenor.	Yokohama
Dec. 1—E. & A.	Kanowna.	Yokohama
5—B. I. A.	Tand.	Yokohama
9—P. & O.	Somali.	Yokohama
13—B. F.	Memnon.	Yokohama
14—B. I. A.	Dilwara.	Yokohama
16—P. & O.	Devanah.	Yokohama
20—B. F.	Pyrrhus.	Yokohama
20—E. & A.	St. Albans.	Yokohama
28—B. F.	Madison.	Yokohama
30—P. & O.	Sicilia.	Yokohama
Jan. 21—P. & O.	Plassy.	Yokohama

FROM MANILA

DATE	STEAMER	FROM
Nov. 18—B. F.	Ixion.	Manila
Dec. 4—B. F.	Talithybia.	Manila
24—B. F.	Tydeus.	Manila
Jan. 13—B. F.	Tenon.	Manila
Feb. 7—B. F.	Ixion.	Manila

FROM JAVA

DATE	STEAMER	FROM
Oct. 23—J. I. L.	Tijpana.	Java
24—J. I. L.	Tijlwan.	Java
25—J. I. L.	Tijlak.	Java
Nov. 1—J. I. L.	Tijlwan.	Java

FROM BOMBAY

DATE	STEAMER	FROM
Nov. 2—P. & O.	Dilwara.	Bombay

FROM CALCUTTA.

DATE	STEAMER	FROM
Oct. 26—N. Y. K.	Bombay Maru.	Calcutta
31—B. I. A.	Japan.	Calcutta
Nov. 15—B. I. A.	Tand.	Calcutta

FROM MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY.

DATE	STEAMER	FROM
Nov. 13—E. & A.	Kanowna.	Melbourne
Dec. 4—E. & A.	St. Albans.	Melbourne

FROM VANCOUVER.

DATE	STEAMER	FROM
Oct. 21—C. P. O. S.	Monteaga.	Vancouver
Nov. 3—C. P. O. S.	Empire of Japan.	Vancouver

FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

DATE	STEAMER	FROM
Oct. 21—T. K. K.	Tenyo Maru.	San Francisco
29—T. K. K.	Seiyo Maru.	San Francisco

FROM SEATTLE.

DATE	STEAMER	FROM
Oct. 22—B. F.	Ixion.	Seattle
Nov. 23—B. F.	Talithybia.	Seattle
Dec. 13—B. F.	Tydeus.	Seattle
Jan. 5—B. F.	Tenon.	Seattle
26—B. F.	Ixion.	Seattle
Feb. 15—B. F.	Talithybia.	Seattle
Mar. 19—B. F.	Tydeus.	Seattle

FROM LOS ANGELES.

DATE	STEAMER	FROM
Nov. 10—L. A. P. N.	Vivia.	Los Angeles
30—L. A. P. N.	West Hika.	Los Angeles

FROM LONDON.

DATE	STEAMER	FROM
Oct. 22—P. & O.	Nellore.	London
24—G. & S.	Vogelard.	London
Nov. 23—N. Y. K.	Kamo Maru.	London
Nov. 3—P. & O.	Somali.	London
12—G. & S.	Glenogly.	London
14—N. Y. K.	Tjo Maru.	London
18—P. & O.	Devanah.	London
Dec. 4—P. & O.	Sicilia.	London
22—P. & O.	Plassy.	London

FROM LIVERPOOL.

DATE	STEAMER	FROM
Oct. 24—B. F.	Elpenor.	Liverpool
30—B. F.	Atreus.	Liverpool
Nov. 13—B. F.	Agapenor.	Liverpool
17—B. F.	Pyrrhus.	Liverpool

The O.P.O.S., ss. "Matrawa," from
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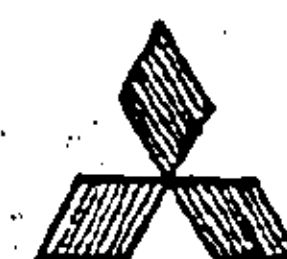
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where they will be examined on
October 25th, at 10 a.m.

All claims must be presented with-
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here, after which they cannot be
recognised. No claim will be ad-
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godowns, and all goods remaining
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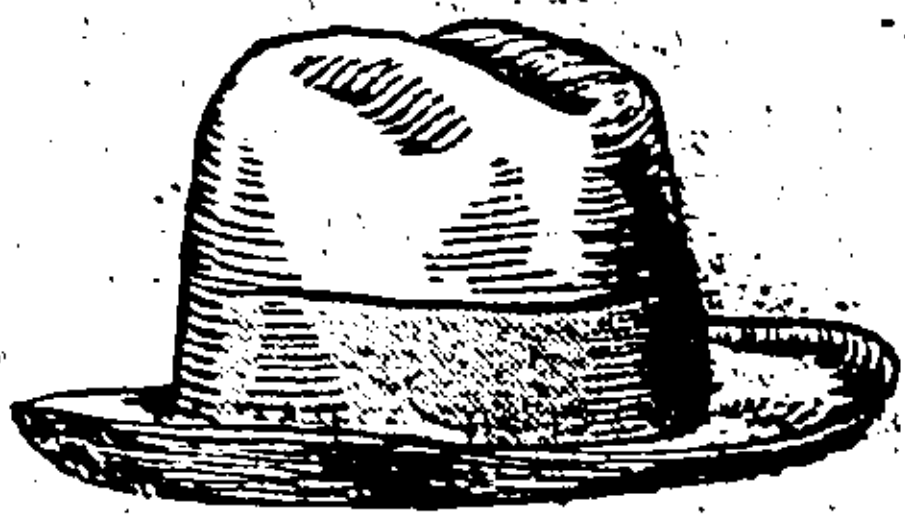
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A GIGANTIC JEST.

SORDID REALITY OF THE ORIENT.

A Negri Sembilan resident writes to the *Malay Mail* in the following strain. The "Lure of the East" is one of those clap-net expressions that convey to the lay mind various fantastic notions all very far from reality. Numerous authors and poets have utilized an oriental setting to plunk their readers into the wildest realms of romance, love, and mystery. Not that we haven't been given some delightful writings on the subject. Miss Laurence Hope must have caused many a heart-flutter to the romantic soul of the school-girl.

Until the intervention of authority, the reputed mysticism of the Orient enabled many clairvoyants, palmists, "hand-diviners" etc., to lure many shakels from the credulous public. But it must have been from the stage, that the phrase, "Lure of the East," emanated. For years, we have been regaled with so-called Oriental dances and plays. In pre-war days we had the classical dancers, whose greatest successes were in those of an oriental type, presenting as they did, an opportunity to wear the least possible amount of clothing. How the stalls at the Palace used to fill up with bald heads when Miss Allen, or Lady Constance Stewart-Richardson came on to embarrass modest youth with their "Studies from the Orient!" A portrayal of the Orient to suit the public taste and ideas has indeed proved a veritable gold-mine to theatrical producers and play-wrights. "Kismet," with the house reeking of incense, set the ball rolling for an avalanche of Oriental productions. A jumble of fantastic-looking individuals, with a predominance of alluring dark damasks with shapely legs, and airy costumes, weird music, gorgeous dresses, and wonderful stage setting produced the inimitable "Chu Chin Chow."

If only the jaded Londoner seeking a mental tonic could view the delights and thrills of the Orient by visiting "The Voice from the Minaret." The man who came back, or "East is West," three notably feeble productions!

Egypt and Robert Hichens must be chiefly responsible for the term "Glamour of the East"—wondrous golden moon rising and sinking over the Pyramids—silent mystic waters of the Nile—moonlight flits over the Desert on a white camel—clandestine appointments with Omdurman dancing girls, for ever chanting the Bedouin Love-Song—Such are the forms of delights credited the visitor to Cairo. He is much more probably a very bored individual in Shepherd's Hotel, wondering when the next boat leaves for Marseilles.

We, living in this small corner of the East, are particularly unfortunate in all the delights the Orient is credited with. We only have the wonderful sunshine, the haunting melody of the tom-toms; and the picturesque Chinaman—and the State Band. Even the gentleman with the mango tree trick, and the mongoose-snake exhibitor give us a miss in

GRUESOME FIND.

STRANGLED TO DEATH.

BODY DUMPED IN HARBOUR.

The decomposed body of a male Chinese, aged about 32 years, was yesterday recovered from the harbour by the police at Causeway Bay. Attached to a rope tied round the neck was a piece of stone weighing 34 lbs. It is supposed that the deceased was murdered. The theory is that he was strangled with the rope which was tied tightly round his neck, and then dumped into the sea. The body, from its advanced stage of decomposition, must have been in the water for several days.

The remains were removed to the Kowloon mortuary. The body has not yet been identified.

bank. And now the Government will not even allow us our palm-trees! Quite a few of us could do with a little more of the voluptuous existence accredited the dweller in the Orient, and a little less of the "Mr. Wu" element. The result of all these erroneous notions about the pleasures of the East is that our people at home do not sympathize with our hardships. They only credit us with exuberance of spirits when we tell them of our often having to subsist on boiled rubber seeds; and that we constantly drift tigers from our verandah. The result of this scepticism is that, instead of sending us that pot of caviare so urgently requested, we receive a writing pad, or half a dozen discarded white waist-coats. And many of these erroneous ideas about Oriental life are due to that class of idiot, who, on returning home, affects an air of aloofness to English socialities. They will likely spin the hard luck tale to any rich relations, but to others they will foist the idea of being "terrible gay dogs" in the East. They are the sort of men who, while watching the Palace chorus girls, will jabber about a Malay "wawang," at the same time wondering where the stage door is. Yet one cannot blame a fellow for being reticent on certain phases of his tropical existence; for instance, you wouldn't tell "the girl of your heart" that you hadn't had a civilized bath for a number of years! Yet in spite of the charms of the Orient, most people are quite satisfied to know them through other people's minds, or from the stalls of the Haymarket. Even in pre-war days not one tourist in a hundred that visited Colombo was a Britisher. Cairo is their Eastern limit, and here they are noticeable for their long noses and longer cigars!

No—the lure and glamour of the East is non-existent. It's a gigantic jest, and a sorry one for the dweller in the tropics. The sordid reality of the East is the factor that sweeps aside any surface pleasure or amusement there may be. No—believe me, gov'nor its 'ard life for a bloke wots once used to drive his stepper down the 'Olloway Road. You can 'ave all the bloomin' sunshine, an' the malayers and them natch girls. Give me the moonlight over Strawberry Hill, and that girl wot kept the "Green Spider" at Wapping.

BLACK MUSEUM.

GRIM RELICS.

"JACK THE RIPPER'S" POSTCARD.

The work of re-cataloguing the exhibits in the "Black Museum" of New Scotland Yard has just been completed. No one of these grim relics but has an association with death.

At a murder trial various articles are produced that have a direct bearing upon the trial. Afterwards the most important are taken into the "Museum" and added to the remarkable collection that has been accumulating for forty years.

Some of them are innocent enough until you see their association. Others are quite the reverse. But they all have a history and have assisted to complete a chain of evidence that has usually brought about a conviction.

But not all. On one side is a miscellany of "exhibits" that have figured in trials that have resulted in a verdict of "Not Guilty." A few are connected with unsolved mysteries.

Perhaps the grimmest of all is a postcard, addressed to the "Commissioner of the Police," and it reads, "Look out for a double event to-night—Yours truly, Jack the Ripper." It was written in red ink, and it is how the Whitechapel mystery of iniquity received his name. Moreover, the warning came true, for within a few hours of its receipt two women were done to death within two hundred yards of one another.

In one corner is noticed a large bath. In that George Smith, the "Brides in the Bath" murderer, drowned his last victim. That formidable butcher's cleaver was used by Mrs. Pearcey to slay Mrs. Hogg at Hampstead. The small pistol shot Florrie Dennis at Southend and was traced to the possession of James Canham Reed.

Beside it lies another weapon—an old Army pistol. With it Douglas killed Miss Camille Holland at the Most Farm. This formidable knife was once the property of Lefroy and lies close to another revolver, the one with which he shot Mr. Gold in the Brighton railway carriage. The hat killed near by was purchased by Kozula, who murdered his employer with it in a Shaftesbury-avenue restaurant.

But there are many tiny "exhibits" of a more subtle interest than these lethal weapons.

A small pill-box—Neil Cream, the poisoner of five young women, was convicted by it. A tiny phial contains the arsenic retrieved from the body of Miss Barrow, which sent Seddon to the gallows. A few hairs and a scrap of flesh mounted upon porcelain and covered with glass—a ghastly relic of poor Belle Elmore, the murdered wife of "Dr." Crippen. A child's toy—taken from the hand of little Willie Starchfield.

A few grains of tobacco—Deveraux, the chemist, accidentally dropped them into the trunk in which he placed his murdered wife and child. A row of poison bottles taken from Chapman, the Borough publican, who poisoned Miss Marsh with antimony, and with them a cheap copy of "Standard Work on Poisons," with the page turned down dealing with the action of antimony, as left by Chapman. Two exercise-books contain Mrs. Dyer's transactions in the little mites she drowned by Caversham weir. And there is a pestle, a relic of the murder of Miss Camp in a railway carriage, for which no arrest even was made.

These "exhibits" are not kept to gratify idle curiosity, for except by special permission admittance is not given to the "Black Museum." They are used in lectures upon crime and crime-detection that are given to young detectives, and illustrate the story of some murder mystery in the work of carrying on the training of the "C.I.D."—*Daily Mail*.

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Why let the children rack their little bodies in such a distressing manner when you can so easily cure their colds with a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy? For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

KING GEORGE'S FUND FOR SAILORS.

The third annual report (December 1919) of this Fund has only now come to hand. About £50,000 a year has so far been distributed to various marine charities, benevolent funds, missions, etc. Eight hospitals got donations aggregating £8,900. Twelve orphanages got £7,150. Training ships, and schools for the Navy also had grants.

HOTEL LAUNCHES COLLIDE.

SEQUEL TO DRAGON BOAT RACES.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES.

The case in which the King Edward Hotel sued Mrs. Cameron, proprietress of the Carlton Hotel, for \$52, as damages for the loss of an anchor and rope as the result of a collision between the launches belonging to the Hotels "concluded" 10-day.

Mr. Macnamara was for the plaintiff and Mr. Blake for the defendants. Mrs. Cameron, proprietress of the Carlton Hotel, went into the box and said that she was on the Carlton launch on June 20, during the Dragon Boat Festival.

Witness then demonstrated the accident with two model launches. She said the boat was fully anchored off the port bow of the King Edward launch. Someone shouted "Shut off steam." There was a heavy under current and swung the stern round towards the King Edward launch. The King Edward was also swung round and struck the Carlton Hotel launch amidships to starboard. Both boats continued to swing, the anchor chains crossing. As the King Edward launch turned she nearly collided with two other launches, whose occupants shouted to her to shut off steam.

The anchor and chain of the Carlton hotel launch were lost. It was recovered by people aboard the "Hang On" who took it to Canton but brought it back.

Mr. Macnamara: I suppose you were interested in the race? Witness: No, I have not the slightest interest. I was entertaining some Chinese friends.

Answering further questions witness said the people shouted to the King Edward launch to shut off steam after she struck the Carlton launch.

If you were in a launch drifting towards another it would look as if the other launch were moving.—No, I don't think so. I know if I am coming or going.

Will you describe how the anchors were lost?—Well I think they got entangled. Had the King Edward taken the same precautions as I did they might have got it. I wanted to get away. I am always frightened of launches.

By His Lordship: The coxswain of the Carlton Hotel had been dismissed, but not through the accident. They intended to take him back because he was a good man.

The coxswain of the Carlton Hotel launch at the time of the accident said the anchor rope of the King Edward Hotel was too long. The current was so strong that the rope which was an old one broke and the launch got up steam. She went ahead and hit the Carlton launch. The rope of this launch also broke, and when this happened the launch was put astern.

The runner of the Carlton Hotel gave evidence regarding the collision. His Lordship gave judgment for plaintiffs.

DIPHTHERIA—HOW IT MAY BE AVOIDED.

DIPHTHERIA is usually contracted when the child has a cold. The cold prepares the child's system for the reception and development of the diphtheria germs. When there are cases of diphtheria in the neighbourhood children that have colds should be kept at home and off the street until recovered. Give them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and they will not have to remain at home long. It also cleans out the culture beds, which form in a child's throat when it has a cold, and minimizes the risk of contracting infectious diseases. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

BOUNCING PUBLIC INTEREST.

SUGGESTED INTERNATIONAL INQUIRY INTO FOOD PRICES.

Presiding at the annual general meeting of the Argentine Estates of Bovril, Sir George Lawson Johnston (chairman) stated that he had just returned from Argentina, where he had been accorded the privilege of an interview with the President of that Republic. It was noteworthy that although Argentina was a large producer and exporter of most of the essential foodstuffs, the local prices for these were now more than double what they were in 1914. The advance in prices could not in this case be attributed to an increase in paper currency, as the proportion of gold to the paper circulating in the Argentine was higher now than it was before the war.

The outcry against profiteering was very marked in South America, and there was consequently much labour unrest. The heavy toll levied here on war profits and on the wealthy had done something to mitigate feelings of class jealousy and distrust in England as compared with other countries.

Speaking for the Bovril group of companies as "somewhat persistent anti-protefters in precept and practice," Sir George suggested that the first essential to allay the present world-wide unrest and suspicion was an official and international investigation of the costs of living, which would authoritatively set out the effects of profiteering from the other causes of the increase. He considered that this investigation could best be undertaken by a special committee of the League of Nations, which would have at its disposal official data from the greater part of the world, and the findings of which would be free from local political bias.

Above all others, the question of the cost of food entered into the daily lives of the people, and inevitably and unceasingly absorbed their attention. The League of Nations was often regarded as rather an abstract ideal. The handling of this great question by the League would, Sir George believed, do more to arouse practical public interest in it, and to secure universal support for it, than any other single action it could take.

A TURF MYSTERY.

ALWAYS A WINNER.

BACKING HIS FANCY.

A remarkable story of a mysterious backer who has taken tens of thousands of pounds from bookmakers comes from Liverpool.

The backer began with the smallest sums on long-price horses, and his early success was smiled at, but the expected turn to this fortune never came, and the Liverpool bookmakers eventually took counsel together to try to trace the backer's source of information. They even got together all the evidence of his bets, to find if there was any clue to a system, but they were beaten, and the mysterious backer still pursued his winning way. He has put very big sums into safe keeping—part of it in the purchase of a small mansion. Now his story is known, he says, he will retire from the turf after Haydock Races. His own story is that he had no information, but just backed what fancy suggested. He once took over £200, from a bookmaker at starting price on a winning horse, and then put that amount on another, and his own fancy won at 7 to 1. His latest success was £100 each way on Iron Hand, the 100 to 8 winner of the Ebor Handicap, and his other winners included big sums on Theaby, Trash, and Polemarch.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE IRISH SITUATION.

LONDON, October 18th. Renewal of rioting during the week-end in Belfast broke out upon a Sinn Fein mob firing revolvers in the loyalist quarter. The police intervened and fired on the opposing faction. Two armoured cars, supported by a big force of soldiers, came up and opened fire with Houchkiss guns. Order was restored after three were killed and eighteen seriously wounded.

LONDON, October 18th. The first death from hunger-strike in the Cork Gaol occurred last night. Michael Fitzgerald, thirty years old, died on the sixty-eighth day of hunger-striking.

He was imprisoned on a charge of participating in an attack upon soldiers in Fermoy on September.

CHINESE CONSORTIUM.

NEW YORK, October 18th. The final agreement and terms of the Chinese Consortium have been signed. A new clause has been added declaring that the Consortium's primary object is to benefit China by the establishment of public utility services.

The signatories for the British group were the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, for the French, the Banque de l'Indo-Chine, for the Japanese, the Yokohama Specie Bank, and the signatories for the American group included Messrs. Pierpont Morgan, the Kuhnloeb's National and City Bank, the Guaranty Trust Company and the Chase National Bank.

CHINESE MISSION IN MOSCOW.

HONGKONG, October 17th. The Bolshevik journal *Avangard* states that a Chinese legation and diplomatic delegation, headed by General Tsen Si-lin has arrived at Moscow with the object of opening normal political and trade relations between Russia and China.

The Soviet Government, on October 2nd, presented the Chinese Government, through General Tsen Si-lin, a memorandum setting forth the conditions for the conclusion of political treaty between Russia and China.

JAPANESE IN CALIFORNIA.

NEW YORK, October 17th. The Washington correspondent of the Associated Press telegraphs that negotiations between the State Department and the Japanese Embassy, regarding the proposed anti-Japanese land legislation in California, have been temporarily discontinued and will not be resumed until after the November elections in which the Californians will vote on the question of land legislation.

LATER. The Associated Press correspondent at Washington explains that the Japanese negotiations were discontinued, because the meeting of the International Communications Conference is expected lengthily to engage the officials of the State Department.

A BOLD RUFFIAN.

EXCITING MIDNIGHT CHASE.

MAN CHARGED WITH BURGLARY.

A Chinese with his face covered with blood was this morning brought before Magistrate Orme and charged, at the instance of Inspector Kent, of No. 2 Police Station, with breaking into the house of Mr. A. J. Fortune, No. 211, Praya East, last night and stealing a large quantity of jewellery and money, valued together at \$1,139.

The defendant, pleaded "not guilty."

Inspector Kent said that he would like a short remand, as he had another charge to prefer against the defendant. The facts of the case were that about 12.30 this morning, the "boy" of the house next door, No. 212, occupied by Mr. Rodger, was awakened by a noise in the garden, and the brothers Rodger, went into the garden to investigate. No sooner did the defendant see them, than he vaulted the low wall and made off.

The defendant had been trying to break open a cash box in the garden when he was disturbed. He left the box behind in his haste, but as he ran he dropped jewellery on the road in order to delay his pursuers. While one of the Rodger brothers picked up the jewellery the other continued the chase and caught the defendant in Jardine's bazaar. When the defendant was searched, some pearl beads forming part of a stolen necklace were found in one of his pockets. A sum of \$200 in cash and the best part of the stolen jewellery were also recovered. Only some \$45 worth of jewellery has not yet been accounted for, evidently having been passed to an accomplice who escaped. The Rodger brothers, however, saw only the one man.

The Magistrate enquired the cause of the blood on the defendant's face. Inspector Kent said that defendant put up a stiff fight after he was caught, and the Rodger brothers had to give him a thumping in order to quieten him. There was no doubt that one man would never have effected the capture of the defendant who was a strong man whom his captors had enough to do to hold. The case was remanded until Friday.

The Admiral Line has been fortunate in securing preferential rights of use of the new pier at Seattle, which has just been completed, and is 2,540 ft long and 367 wide. The rail tracks and crane equipment are of the most up-to-date kind and ensure very rapid handling of cargo. The vessels on the Hongkong service will make use of this pier. Seattle has throughout been singularly free from congestion, and this big addition to the facilities for moving original cargo will be a still further guarantee against such congestion.

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HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

HONGKONG, 20th OCTOBER 1920.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS: 11 A.M.

BANKS: Sterling Exchange 3 1/2% T. T. Hongkong Bank ... \$640 b. Bank of China ... \$117 b.

MARKET INVESTMENT: Canton Insurance ... \$70 n. North China Insurance ... \$153 n. Union Insurance ... \$120 n. Yangtze Insurance ... \$22 n. Far Easterns ... \$20 n.

FIRE INSURANCE: China Fire Insurance ... \$128 n. Hongkong Fire Insurance ... \$318 n.

SEEDING: Douglas ... \$70 s. H. K. Steamboats ... \$25 b. Indo-China (Ref.) ... \$163 b. Do. (Ref.) ... \$165 n. Shell Transport ... \$26 s. Star Ferries ... \$264 b.

REVENUE: Malacca Sugars ... \$217 s. Malacca Sugars ... \$55 n.

MIXING: Kailan Mining Adm. ... \$190 b. Shanghai Loans ... \$163 n. Suih Explorations ... \$1 n. Trench Mines ... \$26 s. Ural Caspian ... \$16 n.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.: H. & K. Wharves ... \$244 b. H. & W. Docks ... \$147 b. 17th St. New Engineering ... \$119 b. 2nd St. Lays, Hotels & Buildings ... \$128 n. Central Estates ... \$180 b. Hongkong Hotels ... \$180 b. Hongkong Land ... \$120 b. Humphreys ... \$10 b. Kowloon Land ... \$140 b. Land Reclamations ... \$140 b. West Point ... \$252 b.

COTTON MEAS: Kwo Cottons ... \$440 s. Kwo Yiks ... \$45 n. Lach Kung Mow ... \$188 n. Shanghai Cottons ... \$190 n. Yangtze Cottons ... \$24 n.

MISCELLANEOUS: Cementa ... \$9 n. China-Prudens ... \$38 b. Dairy Farms ... \$214 b. H. K. Electric ... \$184 b. Masco Do. ... \$30 n. Hongkong Ropes ... \$22 b. Hongkong Tramways ... \$74 b. Peak Tramways (Old) ... \$74 b. Do. (New) ... \$70 b. Steam Locomotives ... \$44 b. H. K. Steamship ... \$10 n. Water-boats ... \$16 b. Watsons ... \$74 b. Wm. Powell ... \$14 b. Wiseman's ... \$31 b.

On London: Bank Wire ... 2 1/2-3 1/2. On demand ... 2 1/2-3 1/2. 30 days sight ... 2 1/2-3 1/2. 60 days sight ... 2 1/2-3 1/2. 90 days sight ... 2 1/2-3 1/2. On New York: On demand ... 1070. On Shanghai: On demand ... 164. On Hongkong: On demand ... 160 n. On 30 days sight (private paper) ... 160 n.

On Yokohama: On demand ... 19. Gold Loan 100 fine (per ton) ... \$17.50. Silver (per oz.) ready & forward ... \$50.

SUBSIDIARY COINS: Hongkong 50 cents sub. ... 1 1/2 p. n. 10 ... 1 1/2 p. n. 5 ... 1 1/2 p. n. Canton coins ... 1 1/2 p. n. Bar Silver in Hongkong ... 1 1/2 p. n. Chinese Copper Cash ... 4 1/2 p. n. Rate of Native Interest ... 7 1/2 p. n. Chinese Sub. Coin ... 1 1/2 p. n. Hongkong Sub. Coin ... 1 1/2 p. n.

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SERIOUS EXPLOSION.

WORKMAN KILLED.

THREE MEN INJURED.

A serious explosion resulting in the death of a Chinese and injuries to Mr. George Tiren and two Chinese workmen occurred in the factory of the Far Eastern Oxygen and Acetylene Co. at Kennedy Town yesterday morning.

A representative of the Chinese Mail who visited Mr. Tiren at the French Convent Hospital today found the patient, whose head and right hand were swathed in bandages, making good progress towards recovery. Mr. Tiren stated that about 9 o'clock yesterday morning he was examining a cylinder which had been returned from an out-curt. With a view to examining the contents which did not smell like oxygen he emptied them into a testing glass and connected the cylinder with rubber pipes. No sooner was this done than the explosion occurred. Mr. Tiren knew no more, but he was subsequently informed that the deceased, who was assisting him near the cylinder, was killed instantaneously by the explosion which was so violent that the body, minus both legs, was found some distance from the immediate scene of the tragedy. Notwithstanding a thorough search made by the police, no trace could be found of the missing legs.

The other two Chinese were injured in their faces by broken glass from the windows, but fortunately not seriously. Mr. Tiren, whose escape is the more remarkable in view of his proximity to the deceased Chinese at the time of the explosion, was removed to the French hospital by M. Dubois, a representative of the Company. Mr. Tiren is a French subject.

The whole building was shaken by the explosion and a portion of the roof and wall collapsed. Some of the machinery was also damaged.

BOGUS ASSIGNMENTS.

SUPREME COURT JUDGMENT.

The following judgment was given by the Supreme Court this morning by the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Compton, in an action in which Ng Mi Ho executrix of Ng Ho Shi was the claimant and Keung Tit Kwan and Keung Wai Kwan the defendants. The claimant affirmed that certain goods taken in execution on June 11, 1920 were the property of one Shek Fuk and that an assignment dated June 10 from Shek Fuk to the defendants was fraudulent and void against the claimant. In the course of the judgment His Lordship said: "The following facts are either admitted or proved to my satisfaction. The claimant obtained judgment against Shek Fuk on April 9, 1920. Her costs were taxed at \$343.15. On June 10 the claimant's solicitors wrote to the solicitors for Shek Fuk asking for payment of the bill of costs and stating that in default of payment they would issue execution. On that or the following day Shek Fuk by four several assignments conveyed to the defendants in the issue the whole of her visible property. By visible I mean as much of her property as the claimant's solicitors are able to trace. The defendants are in fact adopted or bought sons of Shek Fuk. They did not work and had no occupation but lived in their mother's shop. The shop was looked after by a paid manager. Neither Shek Fuk nor the defendants have been called and no evidence has been given on behalf of the defendants. In these circumstances I have no difficulty in finding that the assignments were bogus and a sham and that they were put through for the benefit of Shek Fuk, the judgment debtor and in order to defeat and delay the legal right of the execution creditor. The assignments are therefore void against the claimant. It was urged for the defendants that Shek Fuk has an unsatisfied bill of costs against the claimant who has no assets. Her motive in making these assignments was merely to protect herself and obtain a set off of one bill of costs against the other. There is therefore, says Mr. Hind, no fraudulent intention and the assignments are good. It is sufficient to reply that moral fraud is not necessary and that a legal right is sufficient. Again the difficulty is that in O.J. 201 of 1915 Ng Mi Ho was sued in a representative capacity. In O.J. 93 of 1917 judgment was given against her personally. There is no authority for the proposition that in such case one set of costs can be set off against the other. The authorities are in fact all the other way. But even if I assume a right to set off to exist here a right can only be acquired by order of the Court, which should be applied for promptly and at or immediately after judgment. I decide this issue in favour of the claimant with costs."

WEATHER REPORT.

Oct. 20, 11h. 25m. No returns from Japan.
Pressure has decreased slightly from Hongkong to Shanghai, and increased slightly elsewhere. The anticyclone appears to be moving eastwards; moderate to fresh monsoon will prevail along the China Coast, and over the north part of the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. today, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 98.97 inches. Against an average of 79.65 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on October 21st.

1. Hongkong to Gar Rock. N. and N.E. winds, moderate; fine.
2. Formosa Channel. N. winds, fresh to strong.
3. South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamock. The same as No. 1.
4. South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY, HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

OCTOBER 20, 1920. a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Direction.	Wind Force.	Weather.
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